Million Metric Standard Cubic Metres per Day

	(MMSCMD)
	APM Qty.
2005-06	46.185
2006-07	43.244
2007-08	38.773

(d) Most of the producing fields of ONGC are old and have crossed their plateau period of production and entered the natural decline phase (a natural process in the production life of oil and gas fields globally). Therefore, availability of APM gas from ONGC is showing a declining trend.

Oil reservoir in the country

†803.SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up reservoir for petroleum products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of progress made therein, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) The Government decided in September, 2005 to set up a Strategic Crude Oil Reserve of 5 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) capacity at 3 locations *viz.*, Vizag (1.0 MMT), Mangalore (1.5 MMT) and Padur, Udipi (2.5 MMT) through Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited (ISPRL), which is 100% subsidiary of Oil Industry Development Board (OIDB). This strategic storage of crude oil would be in addition to the existing storages of crude oil and petroleum products with the oil companies. Crude oil from this Reserve will be released by the Government-appointed High Power Committee, to deal with any short-term disruptions in crude oil supplies due to natural calamity or any unforeseen global event like war etc.

In Visakhapatnam, the underground civil works are in progress and the tendering activities for the above ground process facilities are on. **In Mangalore**, the land has been acquired from Mangalore Special Economic Zone Limited (MSEZL) and the tendering activities for the underground civil works are in progress. **In Padur**, supplementary investigations are in progress to establish the optimum capacity of the reservoir. Preliminary Notification for land acquisition through Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) is under process.

Application under RTI with IOC

†804.SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.